

## House Resolution No. 3579

**Whereas**, the Reverend Dr. Nelson “Fuzzy” Thompson has been a minister with the United Methodist Church since 1968 and pastor of Mason Memorial United Methodist Church since 1991; and

**Whereas**, on Sunday, June 5, 2005, Nelson Thompson will deliver his last sermon at Mason Memorial United Methodist Church as he brings his pulpit ministry to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

**Whereas**, a former general science, biology, and physical education teacher at his alma mater, Central High School, Nelson Thompson prepared for his endeavors in life by earning a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Lincoln University and Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Saint Paul School of Theology; and

**Whereas**, Nelson Thompson has been a proactive, involved member of the greater Kansas City community as host of the “Community Solutions” radio program at noon on Saturdays on Gospel 1590 KPRT, co-convenor of the Black Agenda Group, and former chairman of the Jackson County Sports Authority; and

**Whereas**, Nelson Thompson has brought glory and honor to himself and to this great state as a 2003 member of the Project Interchange seminar in Israel, one of seventeen United States ministers and activists who served as official observers in 1994 for the first all-race election ever held in South Africa, one of three United States ministers to conduct 1980 Easter services for embassy hostages in Tehran, Iran, and the founder of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Urban Center of which he served as director for thirty years; and

**Whereas**, Nelson Thompson has been married for thirty-nine years to his beloved Cheryl, an educator who taught in the Kansas City School District for many years prior to her own well-deserved retirement:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spiritual leadership embodied in the life and work of Nelson Thompson at Mason Memorial United Methodist Church and to convey to him this legislative body’s most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Reverend Dr. Nelson “Fuzzy” Thompson of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Melba J. Curls, Dist. #41

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Representative Craig Bland, Dist. #43

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Representative Leonard (Jonas) Hughes, IV, Dist. #42

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Representative Sharon Sanders Brooks, Dist. #37

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Representative Michael R. Brown, Dist. #50

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3579, adopted May 25, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker